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Subject: VERY IMPORTANT CALENDAR HOLD PLEASE: IRIS Briefing Internal Coordination
Attachments: 06.02.2021 FDL - EPA (IRIS Briefing Request).pdf
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Start: 6/14/2021 3:30:00 PM
End: 6/14/2021 4:30:00 PM
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Required Attendees: Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer; Frey, Christopher; Adhar, Radha; Linkins, Samantha; Thayer, Kris; Lavoie, Emma; Jones, Samantha; Knapp, Kristien
Optional Attendees: Williams, Thea; Richardson, RobinH; Kaiser, Sven-Erik; Hanley, Mary; Freedhoff, Michal; Goodis, Michael; Mark Hartman [Hartman.Mark@epa.gov]; Gillespie, Andrew; Lowit, Anna

Briefing Agenda:

1- Briefing Timing:

- a. Note that ORD has a draft of the Lucas letter, which will contain some information on formaldehyde and IRIS that will be responsive to briefing requests.
- b. What general timeframe is ORD comfortable with briefing the hill?
 - i. Status of play with chems and IRIS – are there any ongoing assessments or new ones in the pipeline
 - ii. Can we speak to those and anticipated outcomes
 - iii. Any controversial or sensitivities to what would otherwise be the “normal” process (resets/restarts/do-overs??)
- c. What other factors are at play? (OCIR to share information re discussions with the Hill, and discuss other EPA efforts that relate that could influence briefing timing)

2- Topics of Concern:

- a. Request:
 - i. The minority staff has asked specifically to be briefed on the recent announcement to resume the formaldehyde chemical assessment conducted by the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program.
 - ii. Given both Committees’ extensive oversight history of the IRIS program, and it’s continued presence on the GAO High Risk List, they have requested this briefing to better understand the Agency’s determination to resume this assessment and how this assessment is being coordinated with the ongoing TSCA evaluation of formaldehyde.

b. Other questions that may come up:

- i. GAO High Risk List
- ii. IRIS Prioritization
- iii. NAS Reports

3- Other Considerations:

- a. Given where the agency is on chemical assessments, what are the outliers that may complicate this briefing request and could they require a separate briefing later?
- b. Is the agency's letter responsive enough to the issues raised in the Lucas letter and does it address the questions raised by the hill?
- c. Is there additional information that could be provided in the response that could possibly forego a briefing? Is there information that we are not yet ready to share that could be asked in the briefing?
- d. What are the questions that may be posed that the agency not yet in a position to speak to regarding the IRIS formaldehyde assessment? Others?
- e. Next steps
 - i. Define the parameters of a briefing
 - ii. Define the best timing to do a briefing
 - iii. ORD (in consultation with OCSPP if necessary) to develop a slide deck and frame the discussion
 - iv. Internal precall to discuss slide deck and make revisions, if necessary and appropriate
 - v. Negotiate timing with hill staff
 - vi. Set up the briefing

SECOND UPDATE: This call is to discuss coordination and, based on the incoming attachment, have added OCSPP as well for awareness and the opportunity to participate in the briefing, if warranted.

UPDATE: Please see the attached letter that was received today and which details the crux of the briefing request. It has also been sent to ORD for response. Let me know if you have questions, and we can discuss the letter at the meeting.

Thanks -

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